iv. To recommend the content for initiating a training programme for laying down the foundation for the expertise to prepare Judicial Impact Assessment.

v. To suggest any other measures required for assessing the increase of the workload on the courts on passing of a new legislation.

The Task Force has not submitted its report so far.

Setting up of a Supreme Court Bench in Chennai

391. SHRI T.T.V. DHINAKARAN: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is proposed to set up a Bench of Supreme Court at Chennai;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI H.R. BHARDWAJ): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) The Chief Justice of India as well as the Full Court have been consistenly opposed to the proposal for the setting up of the Benches of the Supreme Court in other parts of the country. Advocate-on-Record or a petitioner-in-person can, however, file cases in the Supreme Court of India through Internet.

Law Commission's suggestions regarding marriageable age of men

392. SHRI DHARAM PAL SABHARWAL: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that the Law Commission has proposed that the age for sexual consent be raised from 15 years to 16 years for all girls regardless of marriage;

(b) whether the Commission has also suggested for reducing the minimum age of marriage for men from 21 to 17 years;

(c) if so, the details of the suggestions made by the Commission; and

(d) whether Government would consult State Government before implementing the suggestion of the Commission and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ): (a) Yes, Sir. The Law Commission of India in its 205th report on "Proposal to Amend the Prohibition of Child Marriage Act, 2006 and other Allied Laws" (2008) has recommended that the exception to the section 375 of the Indian Penal Code be deleted.

(b) The Law Commission of India has recommended that the age of marriage for both boys and girls should be 18 years.

(c) The details of the recommendations are in Chapter VI of the 205th Report of the Law Commission, which is available on the Law Commission's Website *www.lawmin.nic.in. i.e.*

(d) The suggestions made by the Law Commission in the 205th Report are relatable to List III—Concurrent List of the Seventh Schedule to the Constitution of India. Hence, consultation with the State Government is necessary before implementing the suggestions.